

## Answers Questions

noir High Council. I was chairman of the Steering Committee of the Communication Councils. In regards to the school curriculum, I was appointed several years ago to a sub-committee of the school committee for evaluation of the physical education and athletic program K-12.

Formerly, I was elected to the Planning Board and presently I am serving on the Capital Budget Committee as well as Cohasset's liaison on the joint Regional Transportation Committee. Some of my present community activities are Community Center Board on Membership & Cohasset Booster Club. My education background includes a B.S. in chemistry from Simmons College.

I have the time to be available for workshops or special conferences designated for school committee in order to be a better informed member.

2. Having been present at School Committee meetings for the last 8 years, I realize the budget must be carefully analyzed not just in the present year, but compared to the past. This year there seems to be more scrutinization than usual and while presently there is a 2.14 per cent increase, it's substantially less than 5-6 per cent of the last few years. It does not appear to lower our educational excellence and can be basically supported.

For a more informed operation of the school I would like to propose to the committee commencing in the fall a scheduling each month of special meetings as part of the agenda. Some subjects should include: educational reports, i.e. Math, English; program evaluation, i.e. the proposed gifted program; a five year planned maintenance schedule including capital expenditures; and the achievement scores of K-12 reviewed in comparison with several past years. All of these and other subjects would be incorporated into a preliminary budget review.

From this procedure a better working relationship of school committee with staff would result and the public would have more knowledge of the school's operations. Better decisions on the quality of curriculum and the education of our children would result, ever mindful of the better savings resulting.

**John E. Kinchla**  
249 Beechwood St.

1. I attended Boston College, School of Education and majored in English and Finance. I have experience in business, teaching and counseling.

I received cost control experience when I saved Spector Freight of Systems of Needham, \$125,000.00 in claims; supervised 60 drivers and

oversaw the operation of their equipment. Other experiences in business have provided me with skills in negotiating the Labor Law.

My education at Boston College prepared me to teach, and I have taught at Boston College High, P.C.C. Bridgewater State College, and Taconic High, Pittsfield, MA. These experiences have given me an insight into school administration and classroom realities.

I have been involved in various counseling capacities with youth in Cohasset and Weymouth, with patients at Mass Chronic Diseases Hospital and with inmates at MCI Walpole. I was a writer/counselor with the Muscular Dystrophy Assoc. I believe I have an excellent understanding of children and of students with special needs.

2. I would work for harmony on the committee and I support the idea of a five member committee.

I would address the problems of teacher evaluation and tenure and would ask for more parental input in this process. I am in favor of a curriculum that includes Music and Art. I am in favor of reducing the teaching staff in compliance with the existing contract until its expiration.

I am in favor of increasing the average class size from 21 to 26. This 25 per cent increase should not be expected to lower the approximately 2 million dollars in teachers salaries. I do not envision a \$500,000 savings. But I do see some very real prospects in utilizing team teaching and aides in keeping the salary schedule from strangling the system.

I want to see the SAT scores continue upward; I want to see the Athletic Dept. budget spread over as many children as are interested in athletics.

I think the Town should give serious thought to utilizing the Osgood School as a new Town Hall. I shall be open to suggestions. I intend to be an active and informed member.

**Gerard E. Reed Jr.**  
93 Beechwood St.

1. Master Degree plus 55 semester hours; experience with five school budgets; worked with all levels of public education; energy survey experience with energy saving products for gas, oil, water and electric bills; license nursing home administrator; formulated, acquired and supervised many federal funded projects. At present: a special needs person, junior high level; instructor night school, special adult citizens; energy saver — own business — products and consultation; sales representative for local oil company.

2. In order to make changes a school committee person should listen to the concerns of the community and from those concerns pursue change. The most important product of the schools are the children and programs should be developed to meet their tomorrows.

Many of us out in the world of work see graduates even with a college background lacking the tools to do their jobs. Certain courses even those offered at a vocational

school need to be dropped. Many graduates today cannot find a job. All change will cost money. Costs and additional costs can be reduced or kept in check by placing the money not used in one account to a new area of need. The taxpayers needs will be met by Reed.

## School Committee

1 position - 1 year  
To fill a vacancy

**Diana Davis Kornet**  
29 Nichols Road

1. We have three children, presently in the first, second, and fifth grades, so in addition to being concerned about our school system in general, I also have a personal interest in quality education for our young people. I have spent many volunteer hours in both the Osgood and Deer Hill schools during the three years we have lived here, and have participated in the Communication Councils, co-chairing the Osgood Council this year. Before we started our family I taught sixth grade in New Hampshire for a year, and substituted for another year. I received a B.A. from Connecticut College in 1966, majoring in Biology. I am sure that being a parent familiar with the school, in touch with other parents of young children, and having taught myself, I will be able to bring a valuable perspective to the School Committee.

2. I don't have any specific changes in mind at this point, but I am determined that the smaller number of students entering in the next few years will not find classrooms stripped of quality in our eagerness to save money; we must find the middle road, combining fiscal responsibility with high standards of education for our children.

## Library Trustee

3 positions - 3 year term

Question No. 1: What in your background and experience qualifies you for the office you seek?

Question No. 2: What changes could the library make to better serve its users - present and potential?

**David Chittim**  
130 Linden Drive

1. Personnel Committee, Cohasset 1973-75; School Committee, Longmeadow 1971-72; Division Personnel Manager, New England Telephone, 32 years; Dartmouth College, A.B.

2. Integration of educational functions between library and school departments. Expansion of adult education opportunities to be sponsored by the library.

**Elizabeth F. Eaton**  
30 Beach Street

1. Graduate of Mt. Holyoke College majoring in English Literature and Drama with minors in Art and French. A life-long love of books and reading and a hope to stimulate the same in the towns-

people as well as their children.

2. I really don't know. The library is too small to have many research and technical tasks and the demand for them is not great. The visual-audio part might be enlarged but cannot be since 19 per cent of the total budget must, by law, be spent on books. The best way to improve our service is to increase our appropriation from the town. In these days of increasing book costs and holding the line on spending, it seems an empty dream.

**Nancy M. Gilmore**  
34 Summer Street

1. 1952-53, Williamstown, MA. Public Library page (Diverse responsibilities: Service to public at charge desk, cataloguing, book repair, shelving and responsibility for primary school age story hour).

1953-57, Library, University of Massachusetts at Amherst (cataloguing, inventory of collection, book repair, reference desk).

1970-75, Board of the Friends of the Cohasset Free Public Library, Memorial Library.

2. The library now has a well-planned, beautifully renovated building. We must use this facility to its fullest potential. The library is a public service and responsible, responsive service must be its daily objective.

Changes in library service must be on a continuing basis as needs present themselves. (Example: current need for more materials for high school age users).

The dissemination of information via the media that a public library has available is a necessity in today's world. To accomplish this requires the maintenance and acquisition of a considered, serviceable collection of materials that satisfy most needs — and the personnel to facilitate it. This requires adequate funding, both private as well as public. It must be a prime concern of a trustee to insure that this critical public service is sufficiently funded.

## Board Of Health

1 position - 3 year term

Question No. 1: What in your background and experience qualifies you for the office you seek?

Question No. 2: What are your priorities for the Board of Health implementation of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission 208 Mandate (New state standards for solid waste — dumps, storage of highway salt to prevent pollution of Lily Pond, and town wide maintenance and inspection of septic systems)?

**Marilyn G. Sweeney**  
73 Elm Street

1. For the last year as the Consumer Vice-President and two years previous a Board member of the Health Planning Council of Greater Boston, I have been directly involved in assessment of health services and planning for the reduction or expansion of services to meet real needs.

The priorities availability, quality and cost effectiveness that are part of P.L. 93.641, allowed a framework for Providers and Consumers to develop a Health Systems Plan for HSA IV, one of the six HSAs in Massachusetts. In my work on the State Health Coordinating Council reviewing the HSPs of the other five HSAs and working to develop a State Health Plan (SHP), the need for sound reasoning and a generalized approach that my Family-Community Health Worker background provided has been invaluable. The balance that working on the South Metro, the local advisory council, has given me points out the need for a well informed local constituency to be part of the Local, Regional and State Planning arena.

More specifically my work on the Prevention/Health Promotion-Environmental Occupational sub committees of both HSA IV & SHCC, and the material gleaned from my six years as a working member of the Water/Sewer Department have given me an understanding of some of the complexities I would face as a member of the Board of Health, if elected. I would welcome this challenge to be of service to all the people of Cohasset.

2. My priorities for the Board of Health implementation of the MAPC 208 mandate would be a town wide maintenance and inspection of septic systems based on a thorough study of costs related to implementation. This could be a major tool in reducing both water and soil pollution. The issue of our Sanitary Landfill and its' lifespan of six-ten years has to be a focus of the Board in the next few years.

Pollution of Lily Pond is an area that needs to be investigated, not because of salt storage but because 3A is a state salted road, and the run-off from the Veterans area into Peppermint Brook may be polluting. The storm drains also need to be checked for the part they play in possible pollution of what is now our major water supply.

The Elms Meadow wells are in danger of pollution from the open salt storage area in the Parkway, but since there will be limited use of this water supply in the future we should concentrate on Lily Pond.

My suggestion for dealing with the 208 mandate would be a joint committee made up of selected members of the Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Drainage Committee and Water/Sewer Board. Only if Cohasset is looked at in total can an organized approach to solving some of the present and future problems be addressed.

**Stephen F. Wigmore**  
32 Ash Street  
DID NOT REPLY.

## Planning Board

1 position - 5 year term

Question No. 1: What in your background and experi-

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